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SUBJ: SPOT REPORT MR 3, MARCH 28, 1974

1. A SUDDEN FLASH OF MILITARY ACTION ERUPTED IN MR 3 ON MARCH
27. MR 3 HEADQUARTERS REPORTED 60 INCIDENTS DURING 24 HOUR PERIOD,
ALMOST TRIPLE THE RECENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITY. THERE WERE 29 ATTACKS
BY FIRE, 11 MININGS AND EIGHT GROUND ATTACKS. MAJOR ACTION WAS
CENTERED IN HAU NGHIA (16 INCIDENTS) AND PHUOC TUY (FIVE INCIDENTS).

2. IN DUC HUE DISTRICT, HAU NGHIA, A CAMP MANNED BY ELEMENTS
OF THE 83RD RANGER BATTALION AND AN ARTILLERY PLATOON (XT 320090)
SUFFERED A MORTAR ATTACK AND GROUND ASSAULT. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
INDICATE THAT NVA/VC ELEMENTS PENETRATED THE PERIMETER AND
CAPTURED A LARGE CREW-SERVED WEAPON WHICH WAS LATER RECOVERED BY
ARVN. VNAF DIRECTED 26 SORTIES IN DEFENSE OF THE CAMP AND ONE A-1
AIRCRAFT WAS DOWNED BY A SA-7 MISSILE WITH THE PILOT MIA. CASUALTY
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FIGURES ARE UNAVAILABLE AND WILL BE REPORTED WHEN RECEIVED.

3. A CAMP OF THE 338TH RF BATTALION (XT 417123) ALSO IN DUC HUE DISTRICT WAS ASSAULTED RESULTING IN GVN LOSSES OF 4 KIA AND 2 WIA WITH 6 COMMUNIST KIA. ELSEWHERE IN HAU NGHIA THERE WERE EIGHT OTHER ATTACKS BY FIRE AND TWO MININGS.

4. IN PHUOC TUY NVA/VC ELEMENTS ATTACKED THE 372 RF OUTPOST AT XA BANG (YS 462835). PROVINCE SECTOR SETS CASUALTIES AT GVN 1 KIA AND 13 WIA WITH 16 COMMUNIST DEAD. ADDITIONAL NVA/VC KIA ARE EXPECTED TO BE FOUND BEYOND THE POST PERIMETER.

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